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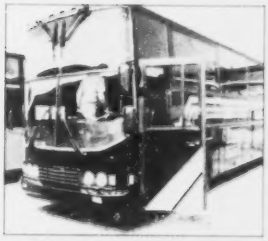

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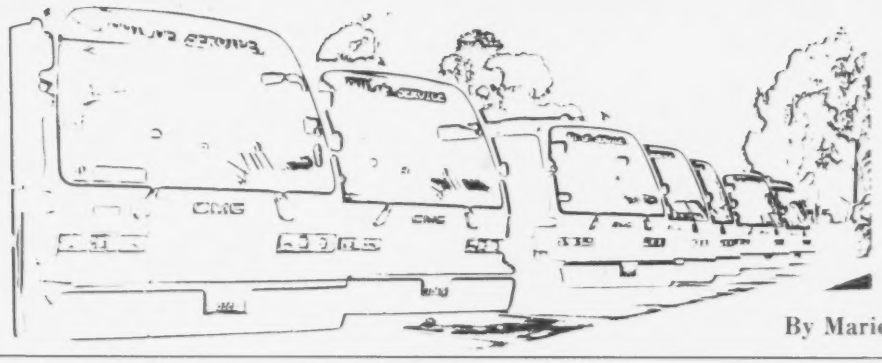


By Marie Ciconte

While some transit systems went down, others reported significant increases in the size of their fleets. Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Houston, Texas, which added 258 buses to its fleet, qualified as the transit authority acquiring the most new buses in 1985. Other systems reporting larger bus fleets this year than last included Metropolitan Transit Commission, Minneapolis, Minn., up 82 buses; Connecticut Transit, Hartford, up 115 buses; Dallas Transit System up 72; and Honolulu Transit, up 48.

To make the third annual roundup of North America's top transit fleets more useful, the staff at *METRO Magazine* has gone two steps further this year. The usual listing of the 50 largest fleets has been expanded to include a countdown of the Top 100 public transit facilities. Last year the cut off point was 297 buses; this time the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) with only 98 buses qualified for a closer look at the size and mix of its fleet.

The second addition to this year's list is a ranking of the Top 50 small (30 feet and under) bus operators. The size of these fleets ranged from a high of 242 to a low of 20. It is interesting to note that only 19 of these transit systems also ranked among the first 50 fleet giants. These figures were included in order to substantiate what we have observed as a trend towards the greater use of small buses by operators of all sizes. Small buses, including vans, represented 5.4% of the total number of transit vehicles.

The rankings are based on the American Public Transit Association's (APTA) 1986 Transit Passenger Vehicle Fleet Inventory which is compiled by John Neff, director of APTA's statistical department. Since transit authorities are not required by federal regulations to provide these statistics, the survey data collected is only as good as the number who report voluntarily. The rankings here listed reflect fleet sizes as of December 31, 1985.

As in 1984, the New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) continued to have the largest transit bus fleet with 5,138; NYCTA added 110 buses during 1985.

The Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) maintained its position in second place with 2,904 buses despite a drop of 293 in total fleet size. However, this number is somewhat deceptive because the SCRTD purchased about 500 buses in 1984 in order to accommodate temporarily increased passenger loads during the Olympic Games. The majority of these new buses have since been used to replace older models, which were then sold. Still, more than 200 buses were retained and added into regular revenue service.

Some of the transit systems with the most notable increases included the Toronto Transit Commission (up 106), now second only to NYCTA in the number of passengers carried annually; and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, which in the last two years has acquired 398 new buses.

Substantial growth has also been experienced by the Trailway Commuter System in Dallas, Texas, a privately-owned commuter fleet contracted to Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). Since it began operation in 1984 carrying Dallas suburbanites into the downtown area, the transit system has been steadily expanding its network into surrounding cities. Fleet size has doubled from 98 at the start of service to 194 at the end of 1985.

The Top 100 transit authorities reporting to APTA had a total of 54,899 buses. In the under 35-ft. category, the '85 totals surpassed the previous year by almost 25%, growing from 2,072 to 2,737. The articulated bus count also grew, from 1,382 in 1984 to 1,594 in 1985.

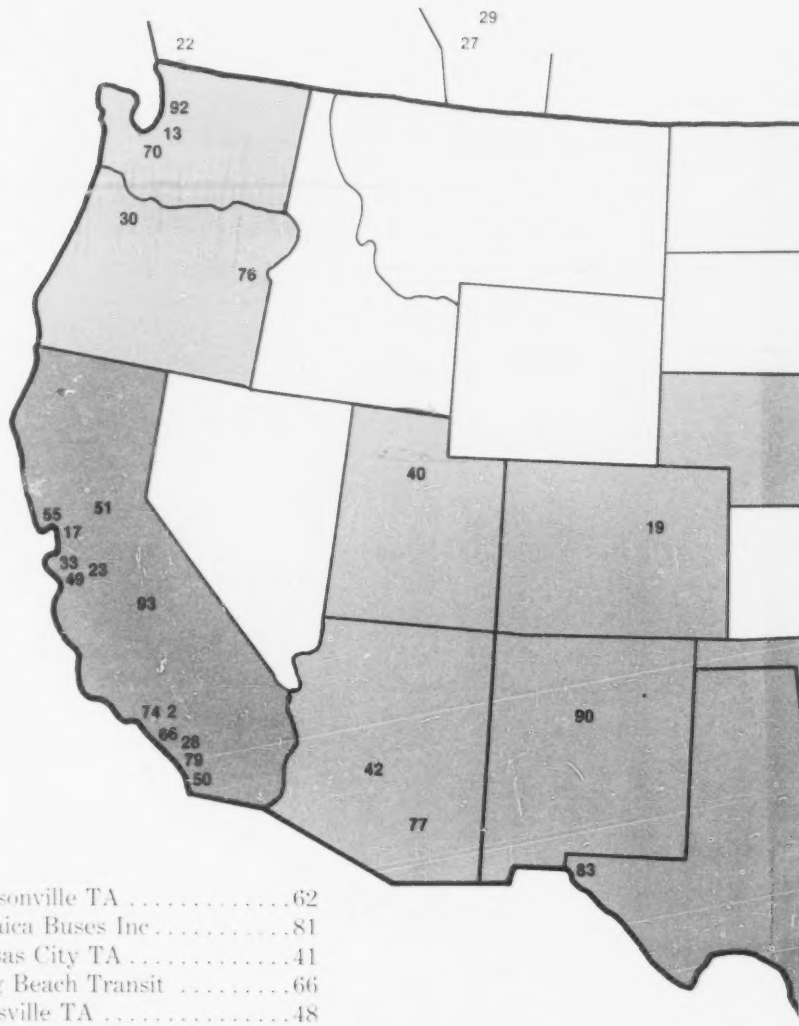
In nearly every instance, substantial decreases in bus fleet sizes were due to the opening or extension of local rail transit systems. This was the case with the Metro Transit Operating Company in Vancouver, British Columbia (minus 187), as well as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (161 less than the year before).

Considering such factors as the interrelationship between rail and bus transportation, it is evident that mass transit systems in major metropolitan areas are being extended, and not reduced, and are handling larger passenger loads than before. The following tables rank the Top 100 transit fleets and the Top 50 small bus operators in North America. The list includes the rankings that 50 of the Top 100 received in last year's survey.

METRO's Top 100 Alphabetical Cross

Only the most well-known acronyms have been used. In most cases, the entry has been identified by the city rather than the name of the transit authority.

Company	Rank
AC Transit	17
Akron Transit	85
Albuquerque Transit	90
Birmingham TA	88
Bi-State Dev. Agency	18
Broward County	56
Buffalo Metro	36
Calgary Transit	27
Capital District TA	54
Capital Metro TA	84
Central Oklahoma TA	97
CENTRO	69
Charlotte Transit	91
Cleveland RTA	16
Connecticut Transit	24
COTA	43
CTA	4
Dallas Transit	21
Dayton TA	75
Denver RTD	19
Des Moines RTA	89
Des Plaines TD	86
Duluth TA	98
Edmonton Transit	29
El Paso Transit	83
Everett Transit	92
Fort Worth Transit	80
Fort Wright TA	100
Fresno Transit	93
Gary Transit	94
Golden Gate TD	55
GO Transit	67
Hillsborough TA	68
Holyoke St. Railway Co	96
Honolulu TA	34
Houston TA	12
Indianapolis Transit	52
Jacksonville TA	62
Jamaica Buses Inc	81
Kansas City TA	41
Long Beach Transit	66
Louisville TA	48
Madison Metro	64
MARTA	20
Maryland MTA	14
MAT (Omaha)	71
MBA (Puerto Rico)	44
MBTA	9
Memphis TA	57
Milwaukee Transit	32
Minneapolis Transit	10
Mississauga Transit	72
Montreal Transit	5
MSBA (East Meadow)	46
Nashville TA	87
New Bedford TA	99
New Orleans RTA	37
NJ Transit	3
Norfolk TD	47
Nova Scotia Transit	78



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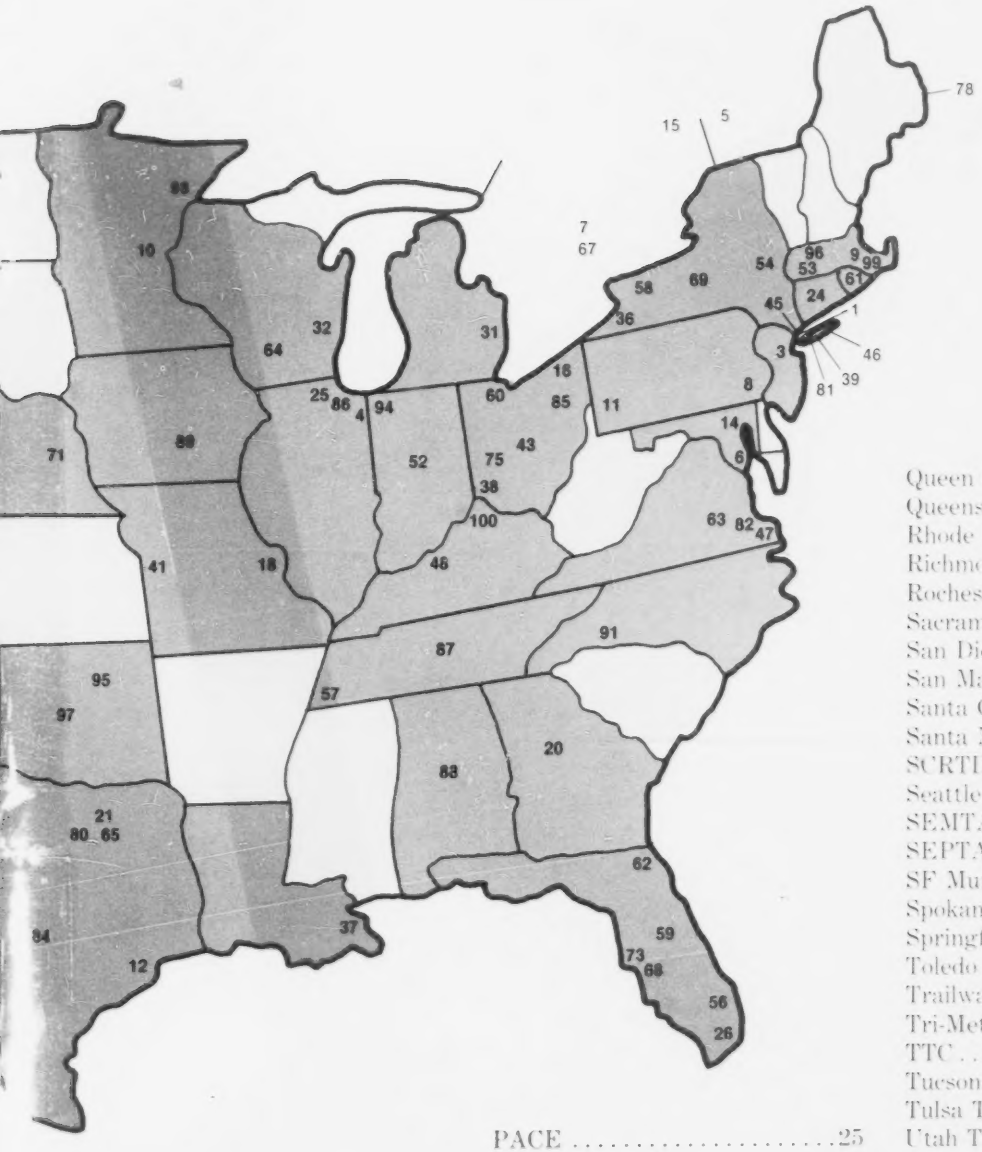

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Tulsa TA 95
Utah TA 40
Vancouver Transit 22
VIA Metro 35
Walt Disney Transp 59
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Top 100 Fleets

(As of Dec. 31, 1985)

RANK		TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET MIX/AGE				FLEET SIZE	
'85	'84		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1985 Total	± Over 1984
1	1	New York Transit Authority, Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, New York, NY	5,136	2	0	6.8	5,138	+110
2	2	Southern California Rapid Transit District, Los Angeles, CA	2,840	61	40	6.8	2,901	-293
3	3	New Jersey Transit Corporation Bus Operations Inc. & Statewide Vehicle Leasing Program, Newark, NJ	2,761	67	0	8.3	2,828	-60
4	4	Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago, IL	2,275	0	145	8.5	2,275	SAME
5	5	Montreal Urban Community Transit Montreal, Quebec	2,034	1	0	8.3	2,035	-147
6	6	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Washington, D.C.	1,647	37	76	11.5	1,684	-161
7	8	Toronto Transit Commission, Toronto, Ontario	1,552	19	12	8.0	1,571	+106
8	7	Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Philadelphia, PA	1,280	5	50	7.2	1,518	-43
9	9	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston, MA	1,189	78	0	8.1	1,267	+76
10	10	Metropolitan Transit Commission, Minneapolis, MN	1,222	36	82	9.1	1,258	+82
11	12	Port Authority of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA	1,089	24	50	5.9	1,113	-22
12	20	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County Houston, TX	1,044	8	50	4.7	1,052	+258
13	11	Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, Seattle, WA	1,022	0	353	8.9	1,022	-115
14	13	Mass Transit Administration of Maryland Baltimore, MD	888	15	0	7.8	903	-39
15	17	Ottawa-Carlton Region Transportation Commission Ottawa, Ontario	820	80	41	9.2	900	+33
16	16	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Cleveland, OH	836	61	0	7.1	897	+19
17	18	Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Oakland, CA	855	11	30	7.2	866	+10
18	19	Bi-State Development Agency, St. Louis, MO	778	70	0	9.0	848	-2
19	21	Regional Transportation District, Denver, CO	740	61	89	8.0	801	+25
20	15	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Atlanta, GA	748	22	56	9.7	770	-131

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'85	'84		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1985 Total	+ Over 1984
21	23	Dallas Transit System, Dallas, TX	760	0	0	7.8	760	+72
22	14	Metro Transit Operating Company—Greater Vancouver Transit System, Vancouver British Columbia	725	0	0	12.2	725	-187
23	22	Santa Clara County Transit District, San Jose, CA	694	13	30	6.6	707	-79
24	32	Connecticut Transit, Hartford, CT	576	97		7.2	673	+115
25	27	Pace, Suburban Bus Division Arlington Heights, IL	527	141	0	7.8	668	-1
26	25	Metro-Dade Transportation Administration, Miami, FL	618	35	0	8.8	653	-29
27	24	Calgary Transit, Calgary, Alberta	640	0	0	8.8	640	-43
28	26	Orange County Transit District, Garden Grove, CA	482	143	0	6.2	625	-50
29	28	Edmonton Transit, Edmonton, Alberta	586	32	0	9.9	618	-45
30	29	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation (Tri–Met) Portland, OR	603	0	87	10.1	603	-41
31	30	Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority Detroit, MI	325	252	0	6.4	577	-62
32	31	Milwaukee County Transit System, Milwaukee, WI	558	3	30	10.9	561	-27
33	33	San Francisco Municipal Railway, San Francisco, CA	558	0	100	7.4	558	+1
34	37	City and County of Honolulu—The Bus, Honolulu, HI	461	27	12	7.6	488	+48
35	35	VIA Metropolitan Transit, San Antonio, TX	416	65	0	7.3	481	-4
36	36	Niagra Frontier Transit Metro System, Inc., Buffalo, NY	460	11	0	10.4	171	+3
37	34	Regional Transit Authority, New Orleans, LA	427	30	0	6.5	457	-66
38	38	Queen City Metro, Cincinnati, OH	441	0	0	8.9	441	+19
39	—	Queens/Steinway Transit Corporation, Flushing, NY	403	0	0	8.9	403	—
40	39	Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake City, UT	365	36	0	5.8	401	-12

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'85	'84		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1985 Total	± Over 1984
41	40	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority Kansas City, MO	352	28	0	10.6	380	SAME
42	42	Phoenix Transit System, Phoenix, AR	337	16	56	7.6	353	+1
43	45	Central Ohio Transit Authority, Columbus, OH	333	10	0	6.2	343	+11
44	41	Metropolitan Bus Authority, Hato Rey, PR	337	0	12	8.2	337	-32
45	44	Westchester County Transit System, White Plains, NY	300	30	61	9.1	330	-7
46	47	Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority, East Meadow, NY	322	0	2	7.7	322	-4
47	43	Tidewater Transportation District Commission, Norfolk, VA	137	183	0	6.0	320	-18
48	48	Transit Authority of River City, Louisville, KY	285	33	15	8.0	318	SAME
49	46	San Mateo County Transit District, Burlingame, CA	299	17	40	5.0	316	-12
50	50	San Diego Transit Corporation, San Diego, CA	297	3	45	9.5	300	+3
51	—	Sacramento Regional Transit District, Sacramento, CA	265	15	0	11.1	280	—
52	51	Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation Indianapolis, IN	262	14	30	6.8	276	-9
53	—	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, Springfield, MA	212	46	0	7.6	258	—
54	—	Capital District Transportation Authority, Albany, NY	230	21	8	3.3	251	—
55	—	Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District San Rafael, CA	243	4	0	10.0	247	—
56	—	Broward County Division of Mass Transit, Pompano Beach, FL	117	27	0	5.4	240	—
57	—	Memphis Area Transit Authority, Memphis, TN	219	15	10	6.5	234	—
58	—	Regional Transit Service, Rochester, NY	234	0	17	6.7	231	—
59	—	WED Transportation Systems, Lake Buena Vista, FL	38	191	0	10.2	229	—
60	—	Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, Toledo, OH	228	0	0	11.0	228	—

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'85	'84		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1985 Total	+/- Over 1984
61	–	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Providence, RI	212	4	5	8.3	216	–
62	–	Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Jacksonville, FL	195	18	10	7.4	213	–
63	–	Greater Richmond Transit Co., Richmond, VA	197	10	0	8.3	207	–
64	–	Madison Metro, Madison, WI	180	15	0	9.8	195	–
65	–	Trailway Commuter Transit, Dallas, TX	194	0	0	.85	194	–
66	–	Long Beach Transit, Long Beach, CA	169	20	0	7.3	189	–
67	–	GO Transit, Toronto, Ontario	180	4	12	9.1	184	–
68	–	Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, Tampa, FL	175	0	0	4.9	175	–
69	–	Central NY Regional Transportation Authority, Syracuse, NY	157	17	0	7.0	174	–
70	–	Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area, Tacoma, WA	149	24	0	9.7	173	–
71	–	Metro Area Transit Omaha, NE	173	0	0	7.0	173	–
72	–	Mississauga Transit, Mississauga, Ontario	166	6	11	7.7	172	–
73	–	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Clearwater, FL	134	33	0	6.4	167	–
74	–	Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines, Santa Monica, CA	160	0	0	7.8	160	–
75	–	Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority, Dayton, OH	151	8	0	3.7	159	–
76	–	Spokane Transit Authority, Spokane, WA	120	35	0	8.2	155	–
77	–	Sun Tran, Tucson, AZ	134	21	0	9.7	155	–
78	–	Metropolitan Transit Commission, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia	151	0	0	9.0	151	–
79	–	North San Diego County Transit District, Oceanside, CA	118	31	0	7.5	149	–
80	–	Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fort Worth, TX	142	6	0	10.3	148	–

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'85	'84		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1985 Total	± Over 1984
81	–	Jamaica Buses, Inc., Jamaica, NY	145	0	0	11.6	145	–
82	–	Peninsula Transit District Commission, Hampton, VA	111	30	0	8.5	141	–
83	–	Public Transit Administration, El Paso, TX	96	45	0	6.5	141	–
84	–	Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Austin, TX	120	20	0	7.1	140	–
85	–	Metro Regional Transit Authority, Akron, OH	123	16	0	7.0	139	–
86	–	North Suburban Mass Transit District, Des Plaines, IL	139	0	0	8.6	139	–
87	–	Metropolitan Transit Authority, Nashville, TN	135	0	0	9.1	135	–
88	–	Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, Birmingham, AL	116	10	15	8.4	126	–
89	–	Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority, Des Moines, IA	86	40	0	7.4	126	–
90	–	Albuquerque Transit System, Albuquerque, NM	107	12	0	7.0	119	–
91	–	Charlotte Transit System, Charlotte, NC	115	0	0	6.6	115	–
92	–	Everett Snohomish County Transit System, Everett, WA	85	26	0	7.7	111	–
93	–	Fresno Transit, Fresno, CA	103	11	0	8.3	114	–
94	–	Gary Public Transportation Corporation, Gary, IN	112	0	0	9.7	112	–
95	–	Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority, Tulsa, OK	99	11	0	9.7	110	–
96	–	Holyoke Street Railway Company, Holyoke, MA	75	31	0	17.4	106	–
97	–	Central Oklahoma Transportation & Parking Authority	94	12	0	5.9	106	–
98	–	Duluth Transit Authority, Duluth, MN	95	7	0	9.7	102	–
99	–	Southeastern Regional Transit Authority, New Bedford, MA	92	8	0	10.3	100	–
100	–	Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky, Fort Wright, KY	94	4	0	9.0	98	–

Top 50 Small Bus Fleets

(30 ft. & under as of Dec. 31, 1985)

RANK	TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET SIZE
1	Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, Detroit, MI	242
2	WED Transportation Systems, Lake Buena Vista, FL	176
3	Tidewater Transportation District Commission, Norfolk,VA	161
4	Orange County Transit District Garden Grove, CA	143
5	PACE Suburban Bus Division Arlington Heights, IL	141
6	Greater Hartford Transit District, Hartford, CT	97
7	Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority, Florence, SC	86
8	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston, MA	81
9	Ottawa/Carleton Regional Transit Commission, Ottawa, Ontario	79
10	VIA Metropolitan Transit, San Antonio, TX	65
11	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland, OH	61
12	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority, Fitchburg, MA	52
13	Ben Franklin Transit, Tri-Cities, WA	49
14	Brazos Transit System, Bryan,TX	47
15	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, Springfield, MA	46
16	Asheville Transit Authority, Asheville, NC	45
17	Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority, Des Moines, IA	40
18	Greenville Transit Authority, Greenville, SC	37
19	Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake City, UT	36
20	Calgary Transit Calgary, Alberta	35
21	Metro-Dade Transportation Administration, Miami, FL	35
22	Spokane Transit Authority, Spokane, WA	35
23	Bay Metro Transit, Bay City, MI	33
24	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Clearwater, FL	33
25	Holyoke Street Railway Company, Holyoke, MA	32

RANK	TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET SIZE
26	Regional Transit Authority, New Orleans, LA	30
27	Westchester County Transit System, White Plains, NY	30
28	Peninsula Transportation District Commission, Hampton, VA	29
29	Tri-State Transit Authority, Huntington, WV	28
30	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, Kansas City, MO	28
31	Riverside Transit Agency, Riverside, CA	27
32	Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, Honolulu, HI	27
33	Everett Transit System, Everett, WA	26
34	Central Arkansas Transit, Little Rock, AR	26
35	City Utilities of Springfield, Springfield, MO	26
36	Town of Vail Municipal Bus System, Vail, CO	26
37	Mass Transit Administration of Maryland, Baltimore, MD	25
38	Golden Empire Transit District, Bakersfield, CA	23
39	Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area, Tacoma, WA	23
40	Taltran City of Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL	23
41	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Atlanta, GA	22
42	Metropolitan Transit Commission, Minneapolis, MN	22
43	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Santa Cruz, CA	22
44	Hub Area Transit Authority, Yuba City, CA	22
45	Capital District Transportation Authority, Albany, NY	21
46	Watauga County Transportation Authority, Boone, NC	21
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100 Largest Transit Bus Fleets

While there continued to be significant increases in the size of bus fleets of some of North America's largest transit agencies, the majority of the 100 largest systems reported operating less buses this year than last. In response to budget cuts and pressures to become more efficient, transit systems appear to be tightening the reins on expanding the size of their bus fleets.

Seattle Metro in the state of Washington qualified as the transit authority acquiring the most new buses in 1987, 286 more than in the previous year. Other systems reporting larger bus fleets this year than last year included Dallas Area Rapid Transit, up 186 buses; Toronto Transit Commisssion, up 119 buses; and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, up 71 buses.

Respondents were asked to provide fleet size data as of June 30, 1987. Thus, this fourth annual *METRO Magazine* roundup contains the most up-to-date figures available. In compiling the data, however, the editors only contacted fleets that, based on our knowledge of the industry, were likely to qualify. We did not survey every known transit bus fleet in North America.

At the suggestion of Al Savage, then-general manager of the Toronto Transit Commission, the staff at *METRO Magazine* decided to include the number of trolley coaches owned by transit authorities in this year's survey of the 100 largest transit bus fleets. Trolley coaches are included in the accompanying charts within the total number of buses reported; agencies reporting trolley coaches are noted at the bottom of the chart. The eight agencies in the U.S. and Canada which own trolley coaches have a combined total of 1,235 of these vehicles.

The New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) continued to have the largest transit fleet with 3,666 buses. However, this represented a decrease of 1,472 buses over last year. According to Bob Slovak, a spokesman for the NYCTA, the transit agency retired all of its buses 12 years of age and older. To do this required "fine-tuning" schedules and upgrading preventive maintenance practices, which has resulted in fewer breakdowns and a smaller bus fleet.

Five of the 100 largest transit authorities are new to this year's rankings. These systems experienced increases qualifying them for a first time place in the listing. They included: Central Contra Costa Transit Authority, Concord, Calif.; Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority, Florence, S.C.; Windsor Transit, Windsor, Ontario; Santa Cruz Metro Transit, Santa Cruz, Calif.; and Knoxville Transportation Authority, Knoxville, Tenn.

The 100 largest bus fleets reported a total of 50,637 buses, as compared to the previous year's 54,899 buses. This represents a decrease overall of 4,262 transit vehicles, or 7.69 percent. UMTA's policy of reducing spare ratios is believed to be the principle cause for this overall decline.

Thirty-eight of the bus operators appearing in the ranks of the 100 Largest Transit Bus Fleets also made it into our 50 Largest Small Bus Fleets. In the 30-foot and under category, fleet sizes ranged from a high of 290 to a low of 25. Small buses totaled 1,916, 821 fewer than last year. Meanwhile, the articulated bus count grew to 1,764 in 1987 from 1,594 in 1986, an increase of 170 vehicles.

The following tables rank the 100 Largest Transit Bus Fleets and the 50 Largest, Small-Transit Bus Operators in North America. The analysis of each system's makeup compares this year's ranking and fleet size with that reported in last year's survey.

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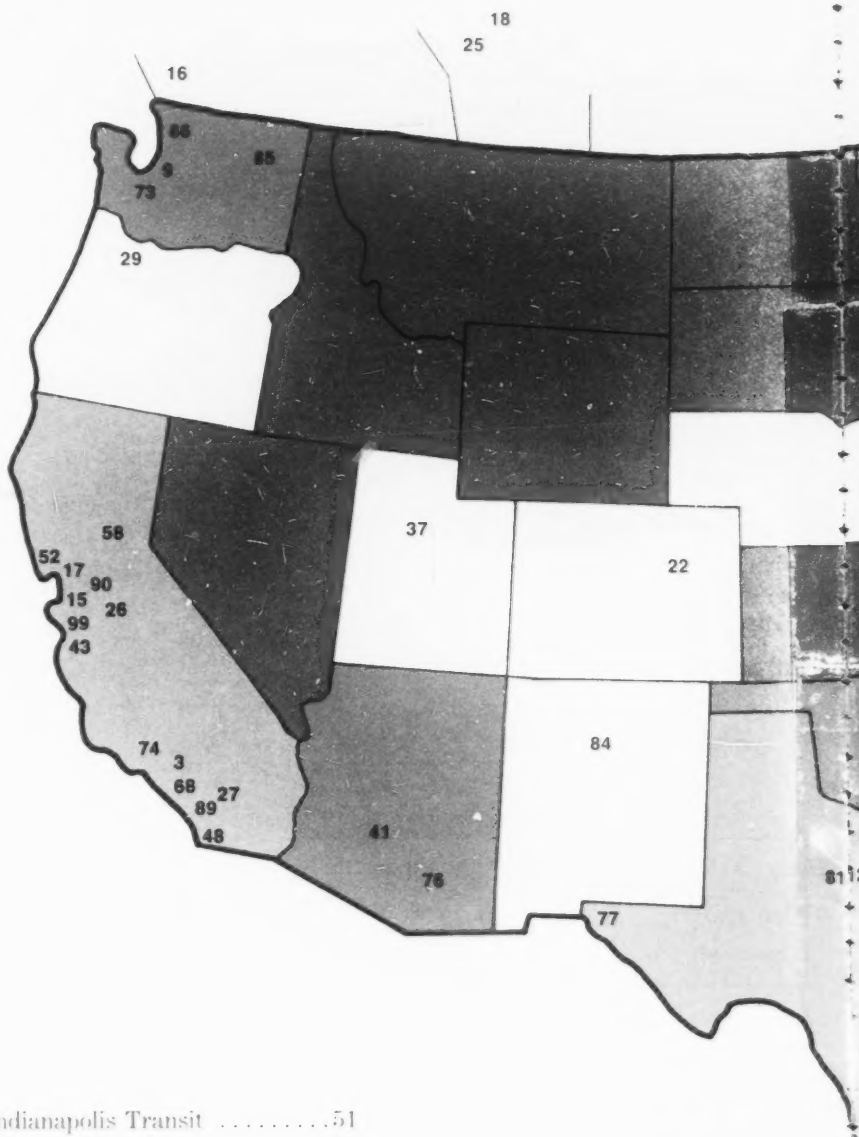

Only the most well-known acronyms have been used. In most cases, the entry has been identified by the city rather than the name of the transit authority.

Company	Rank
AC Transit	17
Akron Transit	80
Albuquerque Transit	84
Birmingham TA	79
Bi-State Dev. Agency	23
Broward County	60
Buffalo Metro	36
Calgary Transit	25
Capital District TA	55
Capital Metro TA	50
Central Oklahoma TA	96
CENTRO	66
Charlotte Transit	88
Cleveland RTA	19
Concord Transit	90
Connecticut Transit	32
COTA	39
CTA	4
Dallas Transit	12
Dayton TA	56
Denver RTD	22
Des Moines RTA	87
Des Plaines TD	78
Duluth TA	94
Edmonton Transit	18
El Paso Transit	77
Everett Transit	86
Fort Worth Transit	81
Fort Wright TA	97
Golden Gate TD	52
GO Transit	67
Hillsborough TA	69
Honolulu TA	34
Houston TA	11
Indianapolis Transit	51
Jacksonville TA	71
Jamaica Buses, Inc	82
Kansas City TA	49
Knoxville TA	100
Long Beach Transit	68
Louisville TA	44
Madison Metro	64
MARTA	21
Maryland MTA	14
MAT (Omaha)	70
MBA (Puerto Rico)	40
MBTA	8
Memphis TA	57
Metro-Dade TA	31
Milwaukee Transit	30
Minneapolis Transit	10
Mississauga Transit	65
MSBA (East Meadow)	46

Transit Bus Fleets

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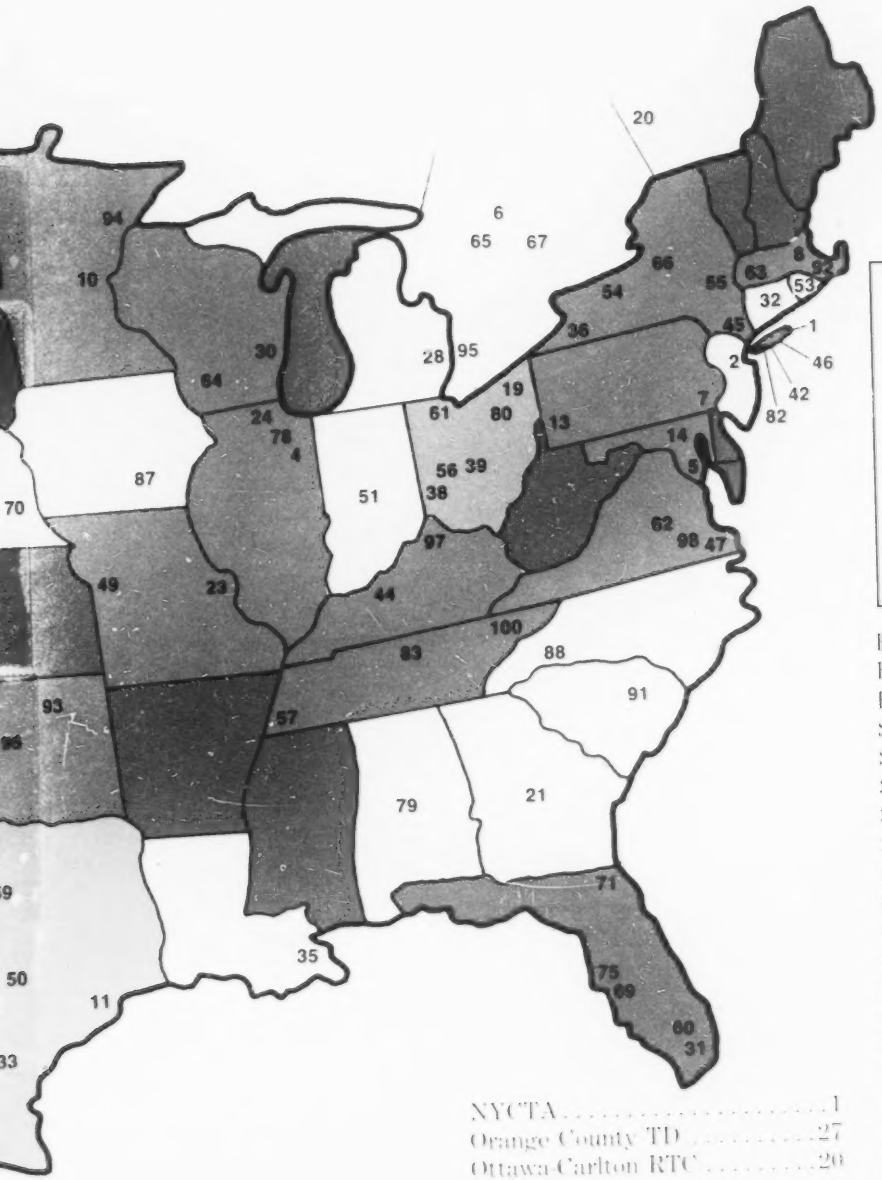

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More than 5 Largest Fleets	
2-5 Largest Fleets	
1 Largest Fleet	
None	

Nashville TA 83
New Bedford TA 92
New Orleans RTA 35
NJ Transit 2
Norfolk TD 47
Nova Scotia Transit 72
N. San Diego Transit 89
NYCTA 1
Orange County TD 27
Ottawa-Carlton RTC 20
PACE 24
PAT (Pittsburgh) 13
Pee Dee Regional TA 91
Peninsula Transit 98
Phoenix Transit 11
Pierce County TBA 73
Pinellas County TA 75
Queen City Metro 38
Queens/Steinway TC 42
Rhode Island TA 53
Richmond Transit 62
Rochester TA 54
Sacramento RTD 58
San Diego TC 48
San Mateo TD 43
Santa Clara TD 26
Santa Cruz Transit 99
Santa Monica Bus Lines 74
SCRTD 3
Seattle Metro 9
SEMTA 28
SEPTA 7
SF Muni 15
Spokane TA 85
Springfield TA 63
Toledo RTA 61
Trailway Commuter 59
Tri-Met 29
TTC 6
Tucson Transit 76
Tulsa TA 93
Utah TA 37
Vancouver Transit 16
VIA Metro 33
Westchester Cty. Transit 45
Windsor Transit 95
WMATA 5

100 Largest Transit Bus Fleets (As of June 30, 1987)

RANK		TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET MIX/AGE				FLEET SIZE	
'87	'86		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1987 Total	+ Over 1986
1	1	New York City Transit Authority, New York, N.Y.	3,666	0	0	6.0	3,666	-1,472
2	3	New Jersey Transit Corporation, Newark, N.J.	2,670	0	110	9.0	2,780	-18
3	2	Southern California Rapid Transit District, Los Angeles, Calif.	2,357	61	40	5.9	2,458	-446
4	4	Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago, Ill.	2,072	0	145	9.5	2,217	-28
5	6	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Washington, D.C.	1,679	0	76	9.0	1,755	+71
6	7	Toronto Transit Commission, Toronto, Ontario	1,521	19	0	8.0	1,690*	+119
7	8	Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Philadelphia, Penn.	1,419	0	50	8.0	1,579*	+61
8	9	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston, Mass.	1,262	114	0	6.9	1,426*	+159
9	13	Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, Seattle, Wash.	801	0	353	7.7	1,308*	+286
10	10	Metropolitan Transit Commission, Minneapolis, Minn.	1,091	29	82	9.5	1,202	-56
11	12	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Houston, Texas	1,916	35	0	N/A	1,051	SAME
12	21	Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, Texas	913	3	30	4.5	946	+186
13	11	Port Authority of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Penn.	881	0	50	5.0	931	-182
14	14	Mass Transit Administration of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.	880	21	0	6.9	901	SAME
15	33	San Francisco Municipal Railway, San Francisco, Calif.	443	0	109	8.0	888*	+330
16	22	Vancouver Regional Transit System, Vancouver, British Columbia	614	0	0	11.0	858*	+133
17	17	Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, Oakland, Calif.	820	0	30	8.0	859	-16
18	29	Edmonton Transit, Edmonton, Alberta	738	0	0	10.3	838*	+220
19	16	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland, Ohio	719	62	0	8.9	781	-116
20	15	Ottawa-Carlton Regional Transportation Commission, Ottawa, Ontario	607	80	92	11.0	780	129

*Includes trolley coaches
TTC - 150
SEPTA - 110
MBTA - 64
Seattle Metro - 154
SF Muni - 345
Vancouver RTS - 241
Edmonton TA - 100

100 Largest Transit Bus Fleets

RANK		TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET MIX/AGE				FLEET SIZE	
'87	'86		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1987 Total	+ Over 1986
21	20	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Atlanta, Ga.	720	0	56	7.7	776	+6
22	19	Regional Transportation District, Denver, Colo.	674	7	89	6.2	770	-31
23	18	Bi-State Development Agency, St. Louis, Mo.	742	0	0	10.0	742	-106
24	25	Pace-Suburban Bus Division, Arlington Heights, Ill.	577	164	0	8.8	741	+73
25	27	Calgary Transit, Calgary, Alberta	606	0	0	10.0	606	-34
26	23	Santa Clara County Transit District, San Jose, Calif.	522	40	30	5.4	592	-115
27	28	Orange County Transit District, Garden Grove, Calif.	440	135	0	8.0	575	-50
28	31	Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, Detroit, Mich.	274	299	0	7.5	573	1
29	30	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation (Tri-Met), Portland, Ore.	547	0	0	11.7	547	-56
30	32	Milwaukee County Transit System, Milwaukee, Wis.	490	0	40	8.9	530	31
31	26	Metro-Dade Transportation Administration, Miami, Fla.	508	15	0	6.4	523	-130
32	24	Connecticut Transit, Hartford, Conn.	563	0	0	12.0	563	170
33	35	VIA Metropolitan Transit, San Antonio, Texas	418	65	0	7.8	483	+2
34	34	City & County of Honolulu — The Bus, Honolulu, Hawaii	132	20	8	6.6	460	-28
35	37	Regional Transit Authority, New Orleans, La.	417	40	0	4.0	457	SAME
36	36	Niagara Frontier Transit Metro System, Inc., Buffalo, N.Y.	427	0	0	10.5	427	17
37	40	Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake City, Utah	375	15	0	4.9	390	-11
38	38	Queen City Metro, Cincinnati, Ohio	379	0	0	9.0	379	62
39	43	Central Ohio Authority, Columbus, Ohio	233	10	0	4.2	343	SAME
40	44	Metropolitan Bus Authority, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico	320	0	12	8.0	332	5

100 Largest Transit Bus Fleets

RANK		TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET MIX/AGE				FLEET SIZE	
'87	'86		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1987 Total	± Over 1986
41	42	Phoenix Transit System, Phoenix, Ariz.	270	0	56	9.0	326	-27
42	39	Queens Steinway Transit Corp., Flushing, N.Y.	325	0	0	9.0	325	78
43	49	San Mateo County Transit District, Burlingame, Calif.	259	19	40	5.0	318	+2
44	48	Transit Authority of River City, Louisville, Ky.	270	33	15	9.2	318	SAME
45	45	Westchester County Transit System, White Plains, N.Y.	327	14	61	9.5	312	-18
46	46	Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority, East Meadow, N.Y.	305	0	2	8.0	307	-15
47	47	Tidewater Transportation District Commission, Norfolk, Va.	176	110	0	4.0	286	-34
48	50	San Diego Transit Corp., San Diego, Calif.	258	0	45	12.9	283	-17
49	44	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, Kansas City, Mo.	256	20	0	9.9	276	-104
50	84	Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Austin, Texas	242	22	0	10.0	264	+124
51	52	Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp., Indianapolis, Ind.	223	7	30	5.5	260	-16
52	55	Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District, San Rafael, Calif.	257	2	0	11.0	259	+12
53	61	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Providence, R.I.	238	4	5	8.6	247	+31
54	58	Regional Transit Service, Rochester, N.Y.	222	0	17	7.3	239	+5
55	54	Capital District Transportation Authority, Albany, N.Y.	203	25	8	4.0	236	-15
56	75	Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority, Dayton, Ohio	152	8	0	5.5	228	+69
57	57	Memphis Area Transit Authority, Memphis, Tenn.	186	15	20	6.0	221	-13
58	51	Sacramento Regional Transit District, Sacramento, Calif.	221	0	0	15.0	221	59
59	65	Trailway Commuter Transit, Dallas, Texas	219	0	0	2.0	219	+25
60	56	Broward County Mass Transit Division, Pompano Beach, Fla.	207	6	0	6.9	213	-27

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100 Largest Transit Bus Fleets

RANK		TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET MIX/AGE				FLEET SIZE	
'87	'86		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1987 Total	+ Over 1986
61	**60**	**Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, Toledo, Ohio**	**210**	**0**	**0**	**9.0**	**210**	**–18**
62	63	Greater Richmond Transit Co., Richmond, Va.	197	10	0	7.5	207	SAME
63	**53**	**Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, Springfield, Mass.**	**205**	**0**	**0**	**9.0**	**205**	**–53**
64	64	Madison Metro, Madison, Wis.	192	9	0	8.0	201	+8
65	**72**	**Mississauga Transit, Mississauga, Ontario**	**164**	**6**	**26**	**N/A**	**196**	**+24**
66	69	Central NY Regional Transportation Authority, Syracuse, N.Y.	175	18	0	8.0	193	+19
67	**67**	**GO Transit, Toronto, Ontario**	**180**	**4**	**0**	**9.2**	**184**	**SAME**
68	66	Long Beach Transit, Long Beach, Calif.	182	0	0	10.0	182	–7
69	**68**	**Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, Tampa, Fla.**	**174**	**0**	**0**	**4.8**	**174**	**SAME**
70	71	Metro Area Transit, Omaha, Neb.	172	0	0	5.5	172	SAME
71	**62**	**Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Jacksonville, Fla.**	**153**	**16**	**10**	**6.8**	**169**	**–44**
72	78	Metropolitan Transit Commission, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia	158	0	0	9.0	158	+7
73	**70**	**Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area, Tacoma, Wash.**	**149**	**0**	**0**	**12.4**	**149**	**–24**
74	74	Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines, Santa Monica, Calif.	147	0	0	6.5	147	0
75	**73**	**Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Clearwater, Fla.**	**135**	**5**	**0**	**7.0**	**140**	**–27**
76	77	Sun Tran, Tucson, Ariz.	139	0	0	8.1	139	0
77	**83**	**Public Transit Administration, El Paso, Texas**	**96**	**43**	**0**	**10.0**	**139**	**–2**
78	80	North Suburban Mass Transit District, Des Plaines, Ill.	138	0	0	9.7	138	–1
79	**88**	**Birmingham/Jefferson County Transit Authority, Birmingham, Ala.**	**105**	**30**	**0**	**10.0**	**135**	**+9**
80	85	Metro Regional Transit Authority, Akron, Ohio	118	16	0	7.0	134	–3

100 Largest Transit Bus Fleets

RANK		TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET MIX/AGE				FLEET SIZE	
'87	'86		35 Ft. & Over	Under 35 Ft.	Artic-ulated	Avg. Age (Yrs.)	1987 Total	+ Over 1986
81	**80**	**Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fort Worth, Texas**	**129**	**0**	**0**	**8.0**	**129**	**−19**
82	81	Jamaica Buses, Inc., Jamaica, N.Y.	125	0	0	7.4	125	29
83	**87**	**Metropolitan Transit Authority, Nashville, Tenn.**	**108**	**9**	**15**	**N/A**	**123**	**−12**
84	90	Albuquerque Transit System, Albuquerque, N.M.	107	13	0	9.0	120	SAME
85	**76**	**Spokane Transit Authority, Spokane, Wash.**	**110**	**0**	**10**	**8.4**	**120**	**−35**
86	92	Community Transit of Snohomish County, Everett, Wash.	111	8	0	4.5	119	+5
87	**89**	**Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority, Des Moines, Iowa**	**97**	**21**	**0**	**9.5**	**118**	**−8**
88	91	Charlotte Transit System, Charlotte, N.C.	115	0	0	8.0	115	SAME
89	**79**	**North San Diego County Transit District, Oceanside, Calif.**	**111**	**0**	**0**	**4.5**	**111**	**−38**
90		Central Contra Costa Transit Authority, Concord, Calif.	76	29	0	4.5	105	
91	**–**	**Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority, Florence, S.C.**	**3**	**102**	**0**	**5.0**	**105**	**–**
92	99	Southeastern Regional Transit Authority, New Bedford, Mass.	95	9	0	11.0	104	+4
93	**95**	**Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority, Tulsa, Okla.**	**92**	**4**	**0**	**6.8**	**103**	**−7**
94	98	Duluth Transit Authority, Duluth, Minn.	94	7	0	8.0	101	SAME
95	**–**	**Windsor Transit, Windsor, Ontario**	**101**	**0**	**0**	**10.7**	**101**	**–**
96	97	Central Oklahoma Transportation & Parking Authority, Oklahoma City, Okla.	100	9	0	5.0	99	7
97	**100**	**Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky, Fort Wright, Ky.**	**94**	**5**	**0**	**10.0**	**99**	**+1**
98	82	Peninsula Transit District Commission, Hampton, Va.	98	0	0	9.0	98	16
99	**–**	**Santa Cruz Metro Transit, Santa Cruz, Calif.**	**75**	**23**	**0**	**10.0**	**98**	**–**
100		Knoxville Transportation Authority, Knoxville, Tenn.	85	10	0	6.5	95	

50 Largest, Small-Transit Bus Fleets

(30 ft. & under as of June 30, 1987)

RANK	TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CITY	FLEET SIZE
1	Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, Detroit, Mich.	290
2	PACE Suburban Bus Division, Arlington Heights, Ill.	164
3	Orange County Transit District, Garden Grove, Calif.	135
4	Greater Hartford Transit District, Hartford, Conn.	130
5	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston, Mass.	114
6	Tidewater Transportation District Commission, Norfork, Va.	110
7	Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority, Florence, S.C.	102
8	Ottawa/Carleton Regional Transit Commission, Ottawa, Ontario	80
9	Brazos Transit System, Bryan, Texas	69
10	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority, Fitchburg, Mass.	65
11	VIA Metropolitan Transit, San Antonio, Texas	65
12	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland, Ohio	62
13	Southern California Rapid Transit District, Los Angeles, Calif.	61
14	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, Springfield, Mass.	60
15	Ben Franklin Transit, Tri-Cities, Wash.	59
16	Public Transit Administration, El Paso, Texas	43
17	Regional Transit Administration, New Orleans, La.	40
18	Metropolitan Transit Authority, Houston, Texas	35
19	Transit Authority of River City, Louisville, Ky.	33
20	Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, Birmingham, Ala.	30
21	Tri-State Transit Authority, Huntington, W. Va.	30
22	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority, Concord, Calif.	29
23	Metropolitan Transit Commission, Minneapolis, Minn.	29
24	Bay Metro Transit, Bay City, Mich.	28
25	Town of Vail Municipal Bus System, Vail, Colo.	25
26	Asheville Transit Authority, Asheville, N.C.	25
27	Capital District Transportation Authority, Albany, N.Y.	25
28	Watauga County Transportation Authority, Boone, N.C.	25
29	Clallam Transit System, Port Angeles, Wash.	24
30	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, Santa Cruz, Calif.	23
31	Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Austin, Texas	22
32	Riverside Transit Agency, Riverside, Calif.	22
33	Taltran/City of Tallahassee, Tallahassee, Fla.	22
34	Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority, Des Moines, Iowa	21
35	Mass Transit Administration of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.	21
36	Central Arkansas Transit, Little Rock, Ark.	20
37	Greenville Transit Authority, Greenville, S.C.	20
38	Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, Honolulu, Hawaii	20
39	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, Kansas City, Mo.	20
40	Metropolitan Transit Commission, Minneapolis, Minn.	20
41	San Mateo County Transit District, Burlingame, Calif.	19
42	Toronto Transit Commission, Toronto, Ontario	19
43	Central NY Regional Transportation Authority, Syracuse, N.Y.	18
44	Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Jacksonville, Fla.	16
45	Metro Regional Transit Authority, Akron, Ohio	16
46	Memphis Area Transit Authority, Memphis, Tenn.	15
47	Metro-Dade Transportation Administration, Miami, Fla.	15
48	Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake City, Utah	15
49	Westchester County Transit System, White Plains, N.Y.	14
50	Hub Area Transit Authority, Yuba City, Calif.	13